

**News Release****Fire Boat Grant Awarded to the City of Gallatin**

(October 1, 2012) The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has awarded the City of Gallatin a Port Security Grant to acquire a fire boat that can be used to fight fires and provide rescue on waterways in the City.

There are 57 miles of shore line in the City limits. And the City also covers 112 miles of TVA shore lines.

"The community may not realize how much shoreline the City is responsible for protecting," Mayor Jo Ann Graves said. "This grant will allow us to better answer the call of emergencies on these waterways."

The Gallatin Fire Department also serves two commercial boat docks with 330 slips and fueling stations. There are three barge ports, two multi-million gallon fuel ports, two large water intake and discharge ports, and a major highway (SR 109) crossing a river. Additionally, there are dozens of individual boat docks.

The grant, not to exceed \$250,000, will allow the City to acquire a fire boat equipped with a fire pump and other fire fighting and rescue equipment. It will take several months to acquire the boat as it must be built to specifications.

"The Gallatin Fire Department is very proud to add this public safety boat to our fleet of major equipment," Fire Chief Billy Crook said.

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